

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: ABAC

Date: September 12, 2017

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Attendees: Executive board members: Christopher Tonkin, Ron Sender, Elizabeth Shea, Scott Smith

Advisory members and other attendees: Nat Strosberg, Rod Holland, Maggie Stanley, Doug Mayo-Wells, Joey Glushko, Steve Conroy (COBWEB officer), Neil Simard (COBWEB officer), Adam MacNeill, Emily Snyder, Seth Federspiel, Stephan Miller; 3 citizens raising concerns about pedestrians on the bikeway

ABAC Motions Passed

Motion proposed: ABAC approved a motion to have Scott Smith to draft a letter to the Board of Selectman, advising against a dockless bike-share pilot program that is established in Arlington, but not neighboring towns; advising Arlington to align with neighboring towns, and recommending against launching any program before Spring.

ABAC vote: Unanimous approval.

Discussions

- Pedestrian safety on the bikeway
 - Three citizens attended the meeting to raise the issue of pedestrian safety on the bikeway, with special concern for the area near Trader Joe's. A pedestrian was recently struck and injured by a cyclist in the area.
 - The discussion led to proposals for clearing bushes, improved signage and markings to encourage cyclists to be cautious about pedestrians, as well as to alert pedestrians.
 - The citizens were encouraged to make recommendations and request responses via the town website.
- TAC Report
- Lake Street Crossing:
 - Discussion of ongoing safety issues
 - Update on the signal design project
- Hubway: still dealing with title sponsorship issue; hoping MOA and title sponsorship would be in place by end of 2017
- Dockless bike share:
 - The Arlington Board of Selectmen and town manager are aiming to regulate bike share businesses in Arlington.
 - ABAC approved a motion to have Scott draft a letter to the Board of Selectman
- Bikeway Video – the creator of the video is seeking funding assistance for the cost of digitizing. Nat to find out more information about the rights and technical issues and costs associated with digitizing.

- Fall bike counts: Nat is coordinating.
- Town day: t-shirts, sign-up sheet for booth visitors, ABAC booth likely near the library.
- Celebration Ride: practice ride scheduled for September 23.
- Tri-town meeting signage – Christopher and Nat seeking money for historical signs from the ... CPA (community preservation of Arlington)
- Maggie handing Facebook page maintenance responsibilities to Adam MacNeill
- Town Center Working Group: the working group discussed its recommendations.
 - ABAC supports replacing the HAWK signal.
 - ABAC members agreed that Scott should send the working group's recommendations to Nat Strosberg, Town Planning.